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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed June 4, 2003, a response to which is due July 7, 2003, the Monday following Independence Day.

REMARKS

The application is subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner requires restriction among the species of the claimed invention as shown in Group I claims 1-5 and 7 and Group II claims 8-23.

Applicant's provisionally elect Group I. The restriction requirement, however, is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.